(e) and (f) The Internal Work Study Unit of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has assessed requirement of 17 posts of the Medicinal Plants Board, excluding the post of the Chief Executive Officer. The Board at present is being managed by staff deployed from other organisations and engaged on contractual basis.

Ambulances in Central Government Hospitals

†1318. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ambulances in each Central Government hospital in Delhi and the conditions thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that these ambulaces are not even equipped to provide First Aid;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The details af ambulances in each of Central Government Hospital in Delhi are as under:

Hospital (s)	Total Ambulance (s)
Dr. RML Hospital	10
Safdarjung Hospital	19
LHMC & Associated Hospitals	08
A.I.I.M.S	13

All the ambulances in these hospitals are equipped with First Aid facility and are in working condition.

Raids on fake Doctors

1319. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government with the help of police have busted a gang of fake doctors/quacks in Delhi practicing as BAMS doctors;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the number of such doctors with their clinics that have been raided during the last one year; and

(c) whether Government propose to bring out a legislation imposing hefty penalty on fake doctors and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No, Sir. However, cases against 10 persons who had applied to Delhi Bhartiya Chikitsa Parishad on the basis of fake qualifications have been reported to the police.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) An Anti Quackery Bill is under consideration of the Govt, of NCT of Delhi.

Provisions already exist in the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970, and Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973, to take action against unregistered practitioner of medicine. However, to make deterrent provisions, Central Government initiated steps to formulate a model legislative proposal but no final view has been taken.

Recognition for alternative medical therapy

1320. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2785 given in Rajya Sabha on 18th August, 2003 and state:

(a) whether Acupressure, Acupuncture had been recognized at alternative medical therapy by WHO, Europe, China, Japan, UK, USA and Russia;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the reasons and scientific basis under which the Standing Committee of Experts constituted by Government did not recognize Acupressure, Acupuncture as alternative medical therapy, when they had recognized even Yoga and Naturopathy as alternative medical therapy;

(d) whether the practice of Acupressure, Acupuncture in treating patients has been banned in the country; and